

OUR ISLAND CONTEMPORARIES

A Woman On Woman Suffrage

Marriage, says Stevenson in *Virginibus Puerisque*, works no miracles, and neither does the ballot. The case for woman suffrage is not based on the argument of expediency. It does not show in States where women have the ballot that life is either much better or much worse than in States where they do not. Men and women have the same qualities of character, differently manifested. Men are braver than women in some respects, more cowardly in others; men endure some fatigues and efforts better, others not so well; men are constantly shocked by the immodesty of women in particulars where few women suspect it; women are perpetually offended by the grossness of men. These are the accents and modulations that give life its tone and savor, but at bottom human nature is the same in both sexes. The same light shines through all of us, though the panes of glass may be differently tinted; and we can all see to read by it, whatever the color of the rays.

"Governor McCarthy's recent sweeping assertion that 'All the women of the Territory are intelligent,' writes Mrs. Helen T. Dranga to *The Tribune*, 'was no doubt intended to be taken with a pinch of salt, but I doubt whether it would overtax the women much to measure up to the brilliant standard displayed by the male voters who were examined as prospective jurors during the recent term of the Fifth Circuit Court.' We doubt it, too. But Mrs. Dranga's letter is so interesting that it deserves to be extended in full. She writes:

Women have been classed politically with lunatics, criminals and infants for so many generations that it may take some of us a day or two to get used to the novel sensation of being considered a 'whole dog' as it were, instead of the tip of a lion's tail.

There is no getting away from the fact that the self-appointed lords of creation have made a mess of things. Now, women are going to be given the inestimable privilege of cleaning up the political messes as well as all other varieties of messes to which we are all so well accustomed.

I would like to remind some of the pessimistic ones that woman suffrage is long past the experimental stage. Those who scoff and jeer are simply showing themselves to be half a century or so behind the times.

In a recent letter, Dr. Anna Howard Shaw declared that women make better citizens than men. Be that as it may, we have yet to hear of any woman suffrage community going back on its decision. It has proved an unqualified success wherever tried, and will doubtless be the same in the Territory of Hawaii.

By no means all students agree with Mrs. Dranga that equal suffrage has proved an 'unqualified success' wherever tried. It could not even be said that universal male suffrage was by any means an unqualified success. On the contrary, the qualifications are numerous and deep. Democracy is still in the experimental stage. We believe in it, we all work for it, but the belief is based on man's innate sense of justice and his faith in human nature, rather than in anything history can show. There have been many democracies, history is buried with their ruins, but we believe on the whole that the virtues of democracy outweigh its evils, just as we prize the jury system, in spite of the absurdities juries are constantly perpetrating. Few things in life or politics are 'unqualified.'

No, the case for woman suffrage is based neither on belief nor proof that this will be a better world when women vote, but on something surer and deeper. Men realize that women deserve the ballot. Whether they make the world better or worse, it is theirs to live in, and they should have a voice in the shaping of it. The National Suffrage amendment will pass shortly. The Territorial Legislature almost certainly will honor the suffrage pledges of both parties. The outlook is that in less than a generation women will vote in all the nations of Europe. As Mrs. Dranga says, those who scoff and jeer are simply showing themselves to be half a century or so behind the times. But in the meanwhile, it is permitted to poke a little fun at the ladies—if one is brave, and prepared to apologize on the spot.—*Hilo Tribune*.

Hawaii And Korea

Attention of those Japanese elements in Hawaii which are putting forth vigorous opposition to the proposed legislation whose aim is to raise the Japanese language schools to American educational standards, is drawn to Japan's attitude toward educational matters in Korea. In view of the repressive methods of the imperial Japanese government to stamp out all Korean nationalism in the schools of Korea, the agitation of the Japanese in Hawaii comes with ill grace.

Japanese opposing the proposal to require a knowledge of English on the part of teachers and familiarity with American ideals and institutions of democracy are raising the cry of racial discrimination and a systematic campaign to abolish the Japanese schools, which of course is not true.

Bishop Imamura of the Buddhist mission admits that the Japanese Hongwanji mission controls the education of Hawaiian-born Japanese through the teaching of that religion in the Japanese schools; yet Japan has issued a decree forbidding religious services and the teaching of history or geography or the Korean language in the schools of Korea.

Furthermore, as the *New York Times* says in a special article devoted to Japan's rule in Korea, the Japanese regulations provide that all Korean schools shall be under the strict supervision of Japanese educators and that the Korean children shall be taught to salute the Japanese flag

and to worship the Japanese emperor's tablet.

Korean students who go to Japan to complete their education are advised to attend trade or technical schools, but are practically barred from higher institutions of learning. It is almost impossible for a Korean student to specialize in such subject as law, history or economics at the imperial university in Tokio, and no Korean student is permitted to go to Europe or America to complete his education.

What argument can the Japanese adduce to support their contention against state regulation here in view of the arbitrary and sweeping pronouncements of the Japanese government relative to Korean educational institutions?

Can they claim discrimination against Japanese in Hawaii in the light of the situation in Korea? Hawaii wants schools that will Americanize our future citizens, not institutions that will perpetuate mikedo worship nor lead the Hawaiian-born Japanese youth to place the Japanese emperor's tablet above the president of the United States.—*Star-Bulletin*.

No Fair In Hilo

"There will be no county fair this year," said Dr. H. B. Elliot when asked what steps, if any, would be taken concerning such a project as was suggested at the last regular meeting of the Hilo Board of Trade.

Dr. Elliot has gone carefully into the matter and finds many difficulties in the way. First, there is no suitable place to hold a fair. The trouble and expense of erecting and pulling down temporary buildings offers no inducements in that direction. According to Dr. Elliot the solution is to be found in a Memorial Park for Hilo.

With such an institution on hand, permanent buildings, could be erected from time to time, and when a county fair was held other attractions could be added. Money derived from fairs could be put into improvements of the park.

Furthermore Dr. Elliot said, "if enough money is not appropriated for the park, then we must raise the balance by public subscription. I have about 60 promises of support already."

It is the general opinion that the next Hawaii County Fair should be on a larger scale than the 1916 one, and that it should increase in size each successive fair. "Viewing all these things at present there is no possibility of a county fair this year," concluded Dr. Elliot.—*Hilo Post Herald*.

The Man Of Ideals

The common criticism of President Wilson, both at home and abroad, is that he is an idealist, a man who lives in the clouds, a dreamer of dreams, and hence a man whose dreams may be discounted and neglected. "Your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams"—this is to be the dawn of the Millennium.

The world is full of practical men, men who fly low, and know all about the obstacles and difficulties of flight, and hit most of them; blessed is the man of such broad range and high flight that he overlooks a lot of the obstacles, and sails above them.

The peace conference at Versailles is full of practical men, very wide awake to practical issues, and very insistent on sectional interests. They may be trusted to clip the wings of any wild and erratic idealism. More valuable, and more significant to the interests of humanity and the world at large, than all these practical men, is the one master idealist, with the wide range of vision and the large faith in the possibilities and destinies of mankind; the man who can see beyond the immediate interests and advantages of any race or class, and work for the ultimate benefit of the world.

The brakes of the practical are very necessary, but after all the impulse of the ideal that moves things to that good which shall be the final goal of all—this is the essential and indispensable factor of progress.—*Kauai Garden Island*.

Working Backward

Senator King's bill to extend the statute of limitations for real estate actions from ten years to thirty years is a measure inviting the axe. Formerly the period was twenty years and the courts were cluttered with vexatious suits to eject people from their homes, brought by any Tom, Dick or Nancy claiming the property through mouldy ancestral trees. A. G. M. Robertson was author of the bill that changed the limitation to ten years and Mr. King in his measure is the first person ever to attack the law as it stands.—*Star-Bulletin*.

Moral Lepers In Schools

If there are school principals and school teachers who can't be trusted with the handling of public money, are they fit to serve as tutors to the children and moulders of juvenile ideals? If we are to raise our educational standards we must have honest men and women, honest in character as well as principle. Moral leprosy is just as contagious as the physical ailment.—*Star-Bulletin*.

Costs To Be Paid

"Aren't you glad to see these food-shippers investigated?"

"I dunno," answered the ultimate consumer. "It always worries me a little to see anything done that adds to the expenses of conducting their business."—*Washington Star*.

Mixed Caviar

Miss Gush—"I just adore caviar, don't you?"

Miss Green—"I never heard him except on the phonograph."—*Houston Post*.

OPEN FORUM

Maui Japanese Protest

Against School Bill
Editor Maui News
Dear Sir:

A mass meeting held by the Maui Japanese at Wailuku, on the 7th day of March, 1919, to discuss the foreign School Bill now in the Legislature. The Japanese Schools have never been against the education of American Citizenship. They are now helping towards Americanizing and will in the future pay more attention towards Americanizing the Japanese Children. As we believe that the Japanese Schools will not interfere with the education of American Citizenship we strongly oppose the passage of the Foreign School Bill now pending in the Legislature.

T. MAEHARA,
Secretary.

An English city is experimenting with electric street cars as traveling kitchens, on which meals are cooked en route and sold to the public.

Cotton mills of Portugal need 6,000 bales monthly.

NOTICE TO AGENTS FOR FIRE TRUCKS

Agents for fire trucks are hereby invited to submit general data and information regarding fire trucks to the Board of Supervisors, at Wailuku, Maui, T. H. at 2:00 P. M. Friday, March 14th, 1919.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

WM. FRED KAAE,
County Clerk, County of Maui.
(Feb. 28, March 7, 1919.)

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Eggs, Duck, doz.50		Figs, 100 1.00	
Young Roosters, lb.60 to .65		Grapes, Isabella, lb. None	
Turkeys, lb.None		Limes, 100 60 to .70	
Hens, lb.50 to .55		Pineapples, cwt. 2.00 to 2.50	
Ducks, Musc., lb.40		Papayas, lb.02 1/2 to .03 1/2	
Ducks, Pekin, lb.35		Strawberries, bakt.20	
Ducks, Hawn, doz. None			
Vegetables		Livestock	
Beans, string, green, lb.03		Cattle and sheep are not bought at live weight. They are slaughtered and paid for on a dressed weight basis.	
Beans, string wax, lb.04		Live hogs up to 150 lb. 23 to 24	
Beans, Lima in pod, lb.05 to .06		Dressed Meats	
Beans, Calico, cwt. 6.50 to 6.50		Beef, lb. 15 1/2 to 16 1/4	
Beans, sm. wh. cwt. 8.00 to 7.00		Veal, lb. None	
Beans, lg. wh. cwt. 5.50 to 6.00		Mutton, lb. None	
Beets, doz. bunches30		Pork, lb. 27 to 30	
Cabbage, doz. bunches40		Hides, Wet Salted	
Cabbage, cwt. 2.00 to 3.00		Steer, No. 1, lb.13	
Corn, sweet 100 ears. 2.00		Steer, No. 2, lb.10	
Corn, Hawn, sm. yel. ton 72.00 to 74.00		Steer, hair slip.09	
Corn, Hawn, lg. yel. ton None		Kips, lb.10	
Peanuts, lg. lb.08		Goat, white 30 to 40	
Peanuts, small, lb.10		Feed	
Green peppers, bell lb.10		Corn, sm. yel. ton None	
Green peppers, chili, lb.08		Corn, lg. yel. ton 75.00	
Potatoes, ls. Irish, cwt. None		Corn, cracked, ton 82.50	
Pot., sweet, white, cwt. 1.20 to 2.30		Steer, hair slip.09	
Pot., sweet red, cwt. 1.40 to 1.50		Kips, lb.10	
Taro, cwt. 2.25 to 2.50		Oats, ton 67.50	
Harro, bunch.15		Scratch food, ton 85.00	
Tomatoes, lb.03 to .04		Wheat, ton 97.50	
Green peas, lb.08 to .10		Middling, ton 57.50	
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